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Dear Sir:

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Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.


CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	72	Minus	73	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 =	\$
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$0.00
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY						\$N/A

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

 A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

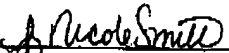
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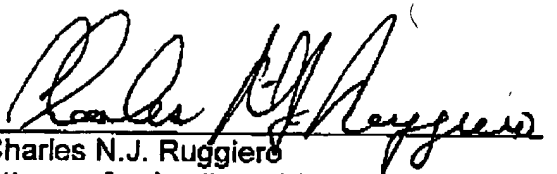
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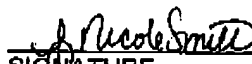
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